

In response to the Official Action of January 30, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 24 by rewriting same to read as follows, and cancel claims 9-23, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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--1. (Three Times Amended) A data distribution system including an information service center and terminal equipment remote from the information service center and adapted for distributing a program selected at the terminal equipment from the information service center to the terminal equipment, the information service center comprising:

storage means for storing a plurality of programs;

retrieving means for retrieving a desired program selected at the terminal equipment from the plurality of programs stored in the storage means;

dividing means for dividing the desired program retrieved by the retrieving means into an outline part for informing a user of an outline of the desired program and into a supplement part recombinable with the outline part

for restoring the desired program; and

transmission means for transmitting the outline part first followed by the supplement part to the terminal equipment; and

the terminal equipment comprising:

receiving means for receiving the outline part first followed by the supplement part of the desired program transmitted from the information service center;

a storage device;

recombining means for recombining the outline part and the supplement part to restore the desired program while the supplement part is being received by the receiving means and for storing the restored program in the storage device while the supplement part is being received; and

reproducing means for reproducing the outline part while the outline part is being received and for continuing the reproduction of the outline part while the supplement part is being received until the reproduction of the outline part is completed, thereby monitoring the desired program while the recombining means restores the desired program.

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D2 --24. (Three Times Amended) A method of distributing a program between an information service center and terminal equipment remote from the information service center,

comprising the steps of:

dividing a desired program selected at the terminal equipment into an outline part for informing a user of an outline of the desired program and into a supplement part recombina[✓]ble with the outline part for restoring the desired program;

transmitting the outline part first followed by the supplement part to the terminal equipment;

receiving at the terminal equipment the outline part first followed by the supplement part of the desired program distributed from the information service center;

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Cont recombining the outline part and the supplement part to restore the desired program while the supplement part is being received;

storing the restored program while the supplement part is being received; and

reproducing the outline part while the outline part is being received and for continuing the reproduction of the outline part while the supplement part is being received until the reproduction of the outline part is completed, thereby monitoring the desired program while the desired program is being restored.--